

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims in the Application. With reference to the listing it is noted that, herewith, claims 4 and 5 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-3 are amended, and new claim 10 is added.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An image sensing apparatus employing a flashlight device, comprising:

~~a flashlight control means for terminating a circuit which initiates a flashlight illumination emitted from said flashlight device and terminates said flashlight illumination emitted from said flashlight device; and~~

~~a detecting means for detecting circuit which detects [[a]] vertical synchronous signals out of an image signal;~~

~~wherein said flashlight control circuit initiates said flashlight illumination emitted from the flashlight device is terminated synchronously with said vertical synchronous signal in response to a vertical synchronous signal detected by said detecting circuit and terminates said flashlight illumination in response to a next vertical synchronous signal detected by said detecting circuit.~~

2. (Currently amended) The image sensing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

~~another flashlight control means for initiating said flashlight illumination emitted from the flashlight device; and~~

a counter for operating a counting operation synchronously with said vertical

synchronous signal detected by said detecting circuit;

wherein said flashlight control circuit initiates said flashlight illumination emitted from said flashlight device is initiated when a value counted by said counter amounts to a specified value.

3. (Currently amended) ~~The An image sending apparatus according to Claims 1 and 2, wherein employing a flashlight device, comprising:~~

a flashlight control circuit which terminates a flashlight illumination emitted from said flashlight device; and

a detecting circuit which detects a vertical synchronous signal out of an image signal, wherein:

said flashlight illumination emitted from said flashlight device is terminated synchronously with said vertical synchronous signal; and

said flashlight device is a flat light emission device which can afford continuously a constant luminous quantity.

4-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Withdrawn) An image sensing apparatus employing a flashlight device, comprising:

frame position arithmetic means for computing a displayed position of a frame indicating an illuminated range, which said flashlight emitted from said flashlight device illuminates, on a display field;

frame signal generating means for generating a frame signal which corresponds to said frame indicating said illuminated range; and

display means for displaying said frame indicating said illuminated range in response to said frame signal:

wherein said frame position arithmetic means computes said frame position indicating said illuminated range, depending upon information about a zoom position of a lens for use in an image sensing and about said range illuminated by said flashlight device; and

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said frame signal generating means generates said frame signal indicating said illuminated range, depending upon a computed result about said position of said frame enclosing said illuminated range.

7. (Withdrawn) The image sensing apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein:

illumination range information for indicating said illumination range that said flashlight emitted from said flashlight device illuminates is applied to said flashlight device.

8. (Withdrawn) The image sensing apparatus according to Claims 6 and 7, wherein:

said frame position arithmetic means computes said frame position indicating said illumination range, through computing said range illuminated by said flashlight device relative to an image sensing-capable range which an image sensing device can cover during sensing an image.

9. (Withdrawn) An image pickup apparatus for use with a flashlight device, comprising:

- a) display means for displaying an image signal;

- b) frame signal generating means for generating a frame signal which is displayed on said display means; and
- c) control means for controlling said frame signal in accordance with characteristics of said flashlight device.

10. (New) An image sensing method performed by an image sensing apparatus which comprises a flashlight device, a flashlight control circuit, and a detecting circuit, comprising:

initiating a flashlight illumination emitted from said flashlight device by said flashlight control circuit;

terminating said flashlight illumination emitted from said flashlight device by said flashlight control circuit; and

detecting a vertical synchronous signal out of an image signal by said detecting circuit, wherein:

said initiating is in response to a vertical synchronous signal detected by said detecting circuit; and

said terminating is in response to a next vertical synchronous signal detected by said detecting circuit.